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National Park Service**

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**ATTACHMENT C  
GATES OF THE ARCTIC NATIONAL PARK & PRESERVE  
PARK-SPECIFIC CONDITIONS & STIPULATIONS –Special Use Permit  
2013**

The following specific provisions (in addition to all conditions and provisions provided in A and B) are applicable to those activities and areas authorized in your Special Use Permit:

1. A current, signed and approved Special Use Permit must be carried by each permit holder (or their employees & trip leaders) operating within the boundaries of the park. A reproduction is acceptable. This permit must be presented to any park employee on demand.
2. Special Use Permit operators in Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve are required to ensure that all groups utilizing any park or preserve lands receive a Visitor Safety and Leave No Trace orientation. Orientations are available in person during regular business hours at Bettles Ranger Station, Coldfoot Visitor Center, Anaktuvuk Pass Ranger Station (when staffed), and during regular business hours via telephone to the Bettles Ranger Station (800-478-5494) from any location in Alaska. Special Use Permit operators must contact the Bettles Ranger Station if none of these options are available to your groups/clients. If you would like a customized interpretive program for your group please contact the appropriate Visitor Center or Ranger Station by a minimum of 2 weeks prior to your arrival to schedule a customized interpretive program. A customized Interpretive Program would include an introduction to the park and the park's mission in protecting wilderness values in lieu of a general back country orientation. Special Use Permit operators may be authorized to conduct their own orientation with their groups/clients including Visitor Safety and Leave No Trace in lieu of this requirement, following consultation with and approval by the Superintendent.
3. Permit holders may not deliver or leave unattended food, equipment or supplies, except in emergencies involving public safety; or when they are associated with an on-going trip and/or occupied campsite, without the expressed approval of the Park Superintendent. Approval to leave unattended food will generally be contingent on the ability to secure the unattended food in a bear resistant manner.
4. Special Use Permit river float trips are limited to a maximum party size of 10 persons, including guides or trip leaders and boatmen.
7. Special Use Permit backpacking trips (including side trips taken by river float parties) and trips utilizing land based "base camps" are limited to a maximum of 7 persons, including guides or trip leaders. Permit holders have the option to petition to the Superintendent to have permission to conduct a "Custom Trip" that would allow for greater than 10 people in a guided group. To monitor any abuse of this option there will be a limit to how many times a Special Use Permit guide or trip leader may petition for such a request. Please contact Superintendent Greg Dudgeon at 907-457-5752.
8. Utilization of landing areas/airstrips is at the pilot's discretion. Improvements to or enlargements of



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landing sites and gravel bars are not permitted. The construction of new landing areas is prohibited.

9. The following provisions apply to all activities:

- Durable surfaces should be sought out when selecting campsites. Gravel bars, sand bars, snow, dry grasses, and bedrock offer the best choices.
- The following camping practices are prohibited: Digging or leveling the ground at a campsite; leaving camping equipment, site alterations, or refuse after departing from the campsite; camping within 100 feet of a flowing stream, river or body of water, except as designated \* [36 CFR 2.10]. \* Sand and gravel bars located less than 100 feet from a body of water are designated as appropriate campsites when they afford the most durable surface available.
- Camps may remain in place no longer than 5 days unless prior approval has been obtained from the Park Superintendent. Permanent or semi-permanent camps are not allowed. Any camp improvements must be dismantled prior to departing from the campsite.
- Human body wastes shall be disposed of further than 100 feet from a water source, high water mark of a body of water, or a campsite [36 CFR 2.14]. Solid human waste should be deposited in a small cathole (6-8" deep) whenever possible. All toilet paper should be burned or packed out. Dog waste must be scattered at least 100 feet from water sources (lakes, streams, and rivers).
- The use of a self-contained stove is strongly encouraged for cooking. Wood fires are discouraged, but if necessary only down and dead may be used for firewood. When fires cannot be built on gravel bars, a fire pan or fire retardant cloth should be used to contain the fire. All evidence of a campfire must be obliterated prior to departing the campsite.
- All trash, garbage, and leftover food must be packed out. Do not bury trash. Leftover food should not be buried, burned or discarded into waterways.
- Adequate precautions shall be taken to guard against human/bear encounters. Unattended food caches are not permitted, except when they are associated with an on-going trip and/or occupied campsite or secured in a bear resistant manner. Unattended food and garbage must be properly secured from bears and other wildlife by using National Park Service (NPS) approved bear resistant food containers; suspending items at least 10 feet off the ground and 4 feet horizontally from a tree trunk; or by other techniques subject to NPS approval. Approved bear resistant food containers for Federal Lands can be found at <http://www.igbconline.org/html/container.html>. Other types of containers may be approved following inspection by the NPS.

10. The following provisions apply to winter activities:

- The use of a snowmobile is permitted when it accompanies guided groups/clients on winter dog sled trips for safety and logistical support; i.e. hauling gear or sick/injured clients, or breaking trail for a dog team. The permit holder may also request to use snowmobiles to break or set trail prior to conducting dog sled trips; with the dates, route, and number of machines used subject to the expressed approval of the Park Superintendent. This practice is limited to a maximum of



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- one time per season. Snowmobiles providing logistical support for dog sled trips may only be operated by employees of the permit holder and must use routes where sufficient snow cover exists to prevent vegetation damage and minimize personal safety hazards. Snowmobile use is not permitted for the support of other winter activities, i.e. cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, mountaineering, or snowmobile tours.
- Sled dogs will be staked out on a picket cable or similar gangline, and not tied individually to trees. Dog food should be heated with a stove.
  - Human body wastes shall be disposed of further than 100 feet from a water source, high water mark of a body of water, or a campsite [36 CFR 2.14]. Solid human waste should be deposited in a small cathole (6-8" deep) whenever possible or covered by snow in winter. All toilet paper should be burned or packed out. Dog waste must be scattered at least 100 feet from water sources (lakes, streams, and rivers).

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